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THE TYPE LOCALITY OF CROTALUS WILLARDI MEEK

Crotalus willardi was described by S. E. Meek (Field Columb. Mus., Zool. Ser., 7, Nov., 1905, p. 18, pl. 3) on the basis of a single specimen stated by him to have come from Tombstone, Arizona. Stejneger and Barbour, in their Check List of North American Amphibians and Reptiles (1917, p. 111) again give the type locality of this species as Tombstone, Arizona. The species was named for Mr. Frank C. Willard, who collected the type specimen. Mr. Willard resided at Tombstone at the time, but he made many spring and summer trips to certain of the nearby mountain ranges, and it occurred to me as a likely possibility that this snake was collected on some of those outings.

An appeal to Mr. Willard for information elicited the following reply: "In regard to the rattlesnake which I found, it is my certain knowledge that it was taken in the Huachucas, and my recollection is that it was captured a short distance above Hamburg in the middle branch of Ramsey Canyon." locality is about thirty miles southeast of Tombstone, not so very far in linear distance, but in a different life zone and amid totally different faunal surroundings. The point indicated is in the Huachuca Mountains in Ramsey Canyon, at about 7000 feet altitude and well up in the Transition Zone. It is a very different region indeed from the stony, Covilleacovered, Lower Sonoran mesa upon which Tombstone is situated, and the difference is worth knowing by any student of geographical distribution, reptiles as well as in any other group of animals.

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